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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

RICE et al.

Serial No.: 09/712,878

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Atty. Docket No.: 3123-362

For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR THE ACOUSTIC
IMPROVEMENT OF THE
PULSED CURRENT METHOD
FOR CONTROLLING THE
VELOCITY OF A TRANSDUCER
HEAD"

Group Art Unit: 2651

Examiner: Wong, Kin C.

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated February 12, 2003 (Paper No. 5).

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please note that the **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

Please also note that the **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which
begins on page 4 of this paper. Further, please note that the **Remarks** begin on page 14 of this
paper.